

Southern Flyer



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More wing security forces join fight against terror

By Tech. Sgt. James
908th Security Forces Squadron
Deployed

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last names of reservists called-up to active duty or last names of reservists directly participating in Enduring Freedom operational missions are not used for security reasons.

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar
— The 908th Security Forces Squadron deployed its third team of personnel here recently to provide protection for the 366th Air Expeditionary Wing.

The 366th AEW plays an important role in operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, helping to curb international terrorism and aid humanitarian relief efforts in Afghanistan.

The 13-member SF squad at Al Udeid is one of three deployable teams from Maxwell with specific training in weapons, vehicles and other specialized skills. The squad, along with other reserve, guard and active-duty SF units from around the Air Force, help to secure the base.

Led by a master sergeant, the squad is made up of three smaller teams called “fire teams.” Each team member is assigned certain positions such as leader, rifleman, grenadier and machine gunner.

Danger is not far from the minds of those who work long days to keep the area safe. In November, a local man drove up to the gate and fired an automatic weapon at the SF team on duty. The shooter died in the exchange.

“You can’t help but think about it,” said Senior Airman Wesley, a grenadier with the 908th. “The bullet holes are still there as a reminder of what happened and what could still happen.”

Safety is also pushed hard here because of the everyday dangers that people face being deployed. The base’s temporary U.S. tent city is known as “Camp Andy,” named after Master Sgt. Evander Andrews, who died following a forklift accident here Oct. 10. He was the first U.S. casualty of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb

908th SFS squad poses for a group photo prior to its departure for Qatar.

“No one gripes about the conditions here,” said Staff Sgt. Patrick, a 908th squad automatic weapon gunner. “We were told that five months ago nothing was here. The people who came before built this place from scratch, so no one can say anything about the conditions here, especially when someone died to provide the comfort in which we live.”

908th members were involved extensively in securing the base for the March 17 visit of Vice President Dick Cheney, which was his first visit to Air Force members in the OEF theater.

“It makes you feel good when the vice president shakes your hand and tells you that

you’re doing a great job,” said Senior Airman Daran, primary machine gunner for the 908th. “I prefer to be here directly supporting the war effort than to be at home watching it on TV. I would like to tell my children one day that I went forth willingly into harms way to ensure that you can sleep safely.”

Right, 366th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron member Senior Airman Daran performs a security inspection of a vehicle at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.



Photo by Capt. Sean McKenna



Photo by Senior Airman Danielle Upton

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFIE) — Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to airmen from the 366th Air Expeditionary Wing on March 17 about their importance in the success of operations Enduring Freedom and Anaconda.

General testifies before Senate about C-130 advances

(Editor's note: The following is taken from testimony by Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve Command commander, to the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel Feb. 13.)

The Air Force has enjoyed over 30 years of unparalleled Total Force integration success.

Today, Air Force Reserve Command members perform almost every kind of Air Force mission, including those that support the war on terrorism. This is true for airlift and special operations missions, as well as for bomber, fighter and aerial refueling missions.

A key issue in working with the active force is to provide like capability on our C-130E, H, J and the N/P models.

Air Mobility Command, as the lead command for C-130 modernization, has published a "road map" detailing the fleet modernization schedule.

Near-term improvements for our C-130 fleet are additional removable cockpit armor sets for deploying aircraft, traffic alert and collision avoidance systems, autopilot replacements and night-vision compatible aircraft lighting systems.

The Sept. 11 attacks have brought homeland security to the forefront. Total Force components are being called upon to counter terrorist threats within and outside the United States. We anticipate an ongoing need to augment security forces, firefighters and home station operational support personnel with both full-time and traditional reservists.

Although the events of Sept. 11 changed the way we do business, we are committed to remaining vigilant and ready for future threats. To do this, we need to continue to modernize our force. As we face new and challenging missions, I remain confident in the tremendous capabilities of reservists to measure up to the task. (AFRC News Service)

Be well trained, prepared to accomplish mission

by Col. James N. Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

If we are going to live up to our wing slogan/motto of "Ready...Always" now and into the future, our focus on training will have to be greater than ever before. Why?

There is a youth movement afoot within our wing and Air Force Reserve Command as well. If you look around your organization, you are likely to find a large number of people in either of two categories - those "experienced" folks in their 40s or early 50s or those "youngsters" in their late teens to mid-20s who are serving in their first or second enlistment.

While these demographics are hardly shocking to most of us, it is of great concern to me when I look at our percentage of "fully qualified" folks versus those people who are in "training status". Currently, about 45 percent of the wing's enlisted force (465 out of 1035) is in some phase of initial/upgrade training. Approximately 150 are waiting for a slot to attend initial technical school. The rest are in upgrade training to qualify as a 5- or 7-level. Only a few years ago, we received fully qualified personnel straight from active duty. Most arrived already holding a 5, if not a 7-level in their field. Today the majority of our newcomers arrive with no prior experience at all. This dramatic change in the level of experience will place a tremendous burden on our unit and command to stay "mission ready".

For our "experienced" folks - In the past, the majority of our new people arrived after four or more years on active duty. Most of them already knew how to do the job. In the reserves, it was our responsibility to get the new recruit through their final upgrade training and keep them current. However, today is different. We in leadership positions need to recognize that times have changed. Most of the people coming to your shop have just graduated from tech school. I need your help to

properly train each member of your shop to a level of proficiency where you would be delighted to see them if you were a deployed shop supervisor. Today, when one of your subordinates deploy, both of you should be confident that the reservist has the skills to succeed. If you are not sure that a member is ready, send someone else and train the other person until we are certain he/she has the proper skills necessary for success.

For the younger folks - Be patient.... your time to shine is coming soon. For now, try to learn as much as you can from your more experienced shop leaders. Ask questions, stand over their shoulders, do what you have to do to make sure that you know how to do your job. Once you have observed a time or two...ask your trainer to let you complete the task while he/she observes. Remember, over the next few years many of the people you now turn to for help and training will be fishing at Lake Martin on UTA weekends. So take every opportunity to gain experience while many of these experienced teachers are with you. It will not be long before some young person will be looking to you for training and guidance. It will come sooner than you think. Now is the time to prepare! I want you prepared and confident that you can do your job when it is your turn to deploy.

Now you might ask, "Why is he placing so much emphasis on individual readiness?" Here is why! In today's environment, reservists are being called up by UTC specialty or worse yet, one's and two's. The individual reservists arrive at a deployed location and report to a shop supervisor who in many cases is an active duty member. Our unit's and the Reserve's credibility as a force provider is on the line. Therefore, it is imperative that our newly deployed person be well trained and prepared. Otherwise, all of us in this wing have failed.

The war on terror has greatly increased the probability that we will deploy—sooner rather than later. So during this and every other UTA, do everything you can to prepare. For the day will come when we will have to prove we are "Ready...Always!"



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357th pair see accident, rush injured woman to hospital

By Senior Airman Kimberly Holden, 908th AW Public Affairs

Quick thinking and fast action by two wing aircrew members on their way to a Northwest ski outing may have saved a Washington woman's hand, perhaps her life.

Capt. Daniel "D.J." Hernandez and Tech. Sgt. John Dycus, 357th Airlift Squadron, witnessed an automobile accident Jan. 19 and rendered assistance. The 357AS duo was traveling through the Enumclaw, Wash., area near McChord AFB on their way to ski.

"Road conditions were getting kind of icy," Dycus said. "As we rounded a curve we saw a vehicle spin out of control coming out of a curve ahead of us."

The vehicle flipped, landing upside down in the embankment area off the side of the road. Halting their truck immediately upon seeing the accident, Hernandez ran to stop oncoming traffic while Dycus ran to see if he could offer assistance to any of the passengers of the overturned vehicle. As he approached, he noted there were four people in the vehicle.

"I saw a little kid, five or six, and helped her out first," Dycus said. Another passenger, approximately 15 or 16 years of age emerged from the vehicle on his own and ran to stop traffic at the other end of the winding mountain road. While Dycus assessed the other passengers, Hernandez tried repeatedly to get through to authorities on his cell phone to no avail.

Dycus helped the driver, who appeared to be unhurt, as were the children. He then turned his attention to the remaining female passenger. "She just kept complaining about how bad her hand hurt. I could not see her hand because she had her sleeves pulled down over her hands. It wasn't until she was climbing out of the car her that her hand was exposed and I saw how bad it was."

Dycus ran over to Hernandez and told him they needed to go, "Now!"

"It took him three or four times of telling me before I realized what he meant," Hernandez recounted. The two briefly explained to the driver of the overturned vehicle that they were taking her friend to the

nearest emergency room for immediate treatment.

The reservists recognized the severity of the situation. "I don't think she every really looked at how bad her hand was," Dycus recalled. He shivered as he described the woman's injury. "She just had, like, bone and nubs and her hand was just shredded. It looked bad. I told her to put pressure on it when I first saw it. She said no, because it hurt too much. That's when I insisted she apply as much pressure as she could stand."

En route to the hospital, Hernandez was able to get in touch with the authorities who said they would send someone out to the accident site. He talked to the woman on the way to the hospital to try to keep her mind occupied. "I was trying to get her to focus on something, anything else so she wouldn't go into shock," Hernandez said.

They arrived at the local hospital and waited to find out if they could assist further. A nurse told Hernandez the injured woman was



Photo by Senior Airman Kim Holden
Capt. Daniel "D.J." Hernandez, left, and Tech. Sgt. John Dycus

going to be medevaced out and it was good they were able to bring her in as quickly as they did. Understandably, Hernandez remarked, "After all that we went for lots of coffee."

Although the injured woman remains unidentified and no further information has been obtained on her current status, it is certain the quick response and efforts of the 357th AS good Samaritans led to a greater chance of recovery for a person who otherwise might not have had a chance at all.

Recruiting's newest satellite office holds grand opening

Although it was a blustery, cold, overcast day Feb. 22 as Air Force Reserve Recruiting opened its doors in the Rocket City of Huntsville, Ala., Master Sgt. Kelley James had nothing but warm, sunny smiles for the various members of the community as they arrived for the grand opening of the newest Maxwell AFB satellite office.

The occasion kicked off with opening words from the 908th's senior recruiter, Senior Master Sgt. Vic Bradford as he welcomed guests from the Huntsville Mayor's office, Chamber of Commerce, City of Madison council members, local business representatives, active Air Force personnel assigned to NASA Redstone Arsenal, active duty Air Force recruiters, traditional reservists from the 908 Airlift Wing and individual mobilization augmentees reservists; some of whom were recruits of Sergeant James.

TEAM MAXWELL recruiters from Montgomery and Birmingham were on hand also to participate in the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Sergeant James "recruited" the commander and vice commander of

Butler High School AFJROTC as "Recruiter Andy" to greet visitors to the Huntsville West shopping center location.

The festivities continued the next day with an open house. Sergeant

James, Recruiter Andy, and the Air Force mini jet were joined by WRTT-FM, Rocket 95.1. Those who stopped by were treated to music, snacks and lots of fun.

The Huntsville office, senior recruiter Bradford said, is one of the nicest in recruiting. "For all the reservists in the area who did not have an opportunity to attend, please stop by and say hello," said Sergeant James, extending an invitation to her new digs.

The new office is located at the intersection of University and Sparkman. Address and Contact information: 4710 University Drive, NW, Suite G, Huntsville, AL 35816-3408. Phone: 256-722-0558, Fax: 256-722-8517, e-mail: Kelley.James@afrc.af.mil.

Right, Master Sgt. Kelley James, center, cuts the ribbon signaling the grand opening of the Huntsville satellite recruiting office.



Photo by Master Sgt. Kelley James



Photo by Dan Doherty

Staff Sgt. A. Dimitri Jefferies, left, waits for Staff Sgt. Jessica Leigh, 908ASTS, to complete a request to review her personnel records.

Need help, call Customer Service

Processing Identification Card (ID) Requests: 908th Mission Support Squadron Customer Service section issues ID cards to all eligible members (active duty, reserve, dependents and retired). Customer Service also enrolls new dependents and updates changes in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). Please ensure you have the proper documents when requesting an ID card.

Updating Family Members: If you get married, divorced, have a baby, adopt a child, or change your name, make sure these events are updated in your record. Proper documentation, such as certificate of marriage, divorce decree, birth certificate, etc., is needed.

Family Care Program: The Family Care Program is designed to ensure military members are available for worldwide deployment. Military members married to another military member regardless of branch of service, single parents, and military members married to non-US citizen with a limited language ability must make arrangements for short and long term dependent care, alternate care givers, and a temporary custody designee for all emergency situations.

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their family members. United Concordia is the administrator of this program. TDP covers dependents residing in the United States, Canada, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Applicants must have 12 months of retainability to become eligible to participate in the program. Members can pick-up forms at the Military Treatment Facility. More information can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers, or <http://www.ucci.com/>

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At left, click on the TRICARE Store. A dropdown menu in the center of the page lists a variety of products including a brochure on "Activated Reservists." You can order that or any other product by adding it to your shopping cart. When you're ready to exit, click "Checkout" and follow the directions (use 908th Airlift Wing for facility name). Use this procedure when ordering any product from the web site.

For additional information about these and other personnel and family care programs, contact 908th MSS Customer Service section's Staff Sgt A. Dimitri Jefferies at (334) 953-5522 or DSN. 493-5522.

Take care of deployment items in advance

Over the past few months, more than 60 members of the wing have been activated in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. As members have out processed some have had missing or out of date items in their deployment paperwork.

According to Tech. Sgt. Drew Butler, NCOIC of Personnel Readiness, the following is a list of those items members of the wing should check as soon as possible:

- Check with customer service and ensure your Emergency Data card (DD Form 93) is up to date
- Conduct a record review and order a new decorations report
- Make sure your ID card is current
- Meet with your Unit Deployment Manager to review your mobility folder, to make sure your dog tags, shot record, deployment locator cards etc are up to date
- Make sure you meet Air Force weight standards
- Clear any physical profile
- Members must have security clearances for deployment. Interim clearances are acceptable.

If called to deploy:

■ Work closely with your UDM, the Plans Office and Personnel Readiness who will be assisting you in completing required pre-deployment checklists, making travel arrangements and obtaining any needed specialized gear

■ Complete out processing checklist for the specific area of operations to which you are deploying

■ Read the Reporting Instructions for your deployed location (available from your, PRU, UDM and FM.)

■ If deploying for 90 days or more, see Master Sgt. Cindy Jeffers, NCOIC of Relocations

"The outprocessing checklist for area the member is deploying to must be completed without exception," Butler said. The importance of this checklist cannot be overstressed. If members feel they cannot complete all the checklist items during a UTA, they should consult with their commanders. They may need to come in on a manday to complete the process.

Butler emphasized preparation is the key. "People who've had everything up to date and together have had a lot easier time getting out of town. Those who were not as well prepared, spent their final days in town running frantically instead of spending time with family and friends."

Anthrax vaccine announcement expected soon

WASHINGTON – Defense officials said in early March an announcement on what shape the new Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program will take would occur within a month.

In 1998, the department began an aggressive program to vaccinate all service members against the disease – a potential biological warfare agent. The vaccination program came under public criticism because of some service members' fears about the vaccine's safety.

Critics became more vocal when Department of Defense officials scaled back the program several times due to vaccine shortages. Bioport, the sole manufacturer of the vaccine, worked with the Food and Drug Administration for more than three years to gain approval of its renovated facilities as supplies of FDA-released anthrax vaccine dwindled.

Bioport received final FDA approval in January to resume production and distribute more vaccine. DOD officials are now looking at how or even whether to continue the previous program of full vaccination of all service members.

"We've undergone a very thorough process over the last several weeks looking at options and have discussed those with people both on the military medical side as well as the non-medical side (and) civilian leadership, and we will soon be making some announcements," Dr. Bill Winkenwerder said.

Winkenwerder is the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. He said he understands the concerns service members have and wants to allay any fears among the troops and the American public.

Military medical officials have asked the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board and the Institute of Medicine to conduct a scientific review of the safety of the vaccine and report back to the department. Winkenwerder said he expects those reports to be "available in the near future."

DOD is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on clinical studies into how the vaccine is administered. Currently, the FDA-approved regimen is six shots over 18 months.

DOD officials would like to find out if that could be reduced to five

or even four shots over a shorter period of time, said Army Col. Randy Randolph, director of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Agency. Randolph said the CDC is ready to begin enrolling volunteers for clinical studies designed to determine if the number of doses can be reduced while maintaining the same level of immunity. Any change will require FDA approval.

The study will also look at the method of administering the vaccine to see if it's possible to reduce the injection-site reactions currently reported. The most common side effect associated with the anthrax vaccine is a localized, minor reaction at the site of injection. Randolph said roughly 30 percent of men and 60 percent of women report minor reactions less than an inch in size.

More serious reactions are rare, he said. Less than one percent of men and women receiving the vaccine report a local reaction of larger than five inches.

Today the only FDA-approved method of injecting the vaccine is to do so subcutaneously, meaning it is injected just below the skin. A pilot study indicated injecting the vaccine

into muscle tissue, called intramuscularly, might reduce such reactions tenfold, Randolph said.

Local reactions are not dangerous, but Randolph said they are still worth trying to reduce. "No one likes swelling, and no one likes pain and redness," he said.

Winkenwerder said DOD began vaccinating troops "in response to a perceived threat of anthrax being used as a biological terror agent." Anthrax-laced mail delivered to various government and media offices in October 2001 show those concerns to have been well-founded.

Whatever form the military vaccination program takes now, Winkenwerder said he is confident this vaccine works and is safe. "Our primary concern is the safety and the health of ... the service men and women and their families," he said. "On the basis of the FDA's review and the basis of very extensive work we've done and others outside of DOD have done to look at the safety and effectiveness (of the anthrax vaccine), we believe -- and I personally believe -- that this is a safe and effective vaccine."

New Jersey congressman proposes reserve retirement program change

Legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives Feb. 28 to lower the minimum age required to claim reserve retirement pay. Currently, reservists must wait until age 60 before applying for this retirement benefit. If adopted, the resolution would lower the age to 55.

H.R. 3831, introduced by U.S. Representative Jim Saxton of New Jersey, seeks to amend Title 10 of the United States Code, which includes details on who may receive military retirement pay and benefits.

To qualify for reserve retirement, reservists must complete 20 qualifying years of service with the final eight qualifying years spent as a member of a reserve component. Before reaching age 60, they are classified as "gray area" retirees, a category that allows them to claim

many reserve benefits but not retirement pay.

Although introduced in the House, the resolution has a long road to travel before becoming law. The appropriate committee must first review the proposal before it is considered by the full House, and the U.S. Senate has to concur with the wording or consider a comparable bill. During the often-lengthy process, the wording of the bill may be modified in order to reach a consensus.

If approved by both chambers of Congress, the proposal is included with other legislation and sent to the president for his approval and signature.

People can learn more about the proposal by going on the Web and accessing <http://www.house.gov>

Employer's Day Nominations

The 908th Airlift Wing will host an Employers Day, Friday, May 17. This is a chance for your employer (both supervisor and president/ chief executive officer) to see the wing mission firsthand as well as learn all about the Air Force Reserve.

Please nominate your boss today by filling out the form below and returning it to the Public Affairs office, bldg. 1056, room 210 or mail to: 908th AW/PA, 401 W. Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. 36112, or FAX: (334) 953-2202. Deadline for submissions is April 10. For more info, call the PA office at (334) 953-6804.

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AU bests 908th squad for base basketball title

No one has to tell an airlift outfit that a being a crew member short puts the mission in jeopardy. Unfortunately, that was the situation the 908th intramural basketball team found themselves in when they squared off against HQ Air University for the Maxwell AFB title Feb. 28.

The 908th squad, down to six men due to deployments and mission requirements, faced the daunting task of having to knock off AU twice in the double elimination tournament final. AU weathered an early charge by the game but undermanned 908th squad and took control in second half before cruising to a convincing 69-48 victory.

Hot shooting by Guard Derric Hall who sank two three-pointers in the opening minutes and Forward Clarence Thomas who dropped in a trey and a deuce lifted the 908th squad to an early 11-2 lead and for short span gave the small crowd of 908th supporters brief thoughts of an improbable victory against the tournament favorites. AU eventually took the lead 21-20

with 4 minutes remaining. The lead seesawed back and forth before a follow on a long desperation shot at the buzzer gave the 908th a 29-28 lead at the half.

“Fatigue caught up with us after playing a game a day for the last four days,” Thomas said. “We were hoping to grab the lead early and let the momentum lead us to victory. We just ran out of gas toward the end.”

“I knew it would be a hard fought game, but the key to the playoffs versus the regular season is to stay in the winners bracket and not have to play those extra games, said AU’s Steve Taylor, who hit three three-pointers and dropped 15 points in the half. “We knew our pressure and making them play man-to-man defense would exploit their bench and fatigue would eventually set in.”

A free throw by Anthony Green and a three-pointer by Don Billups gave the 908th a 33-30 lead early in the second half. A steal and a dunk by Jarrod Butler shrunk 908th’s lead to 33-32.

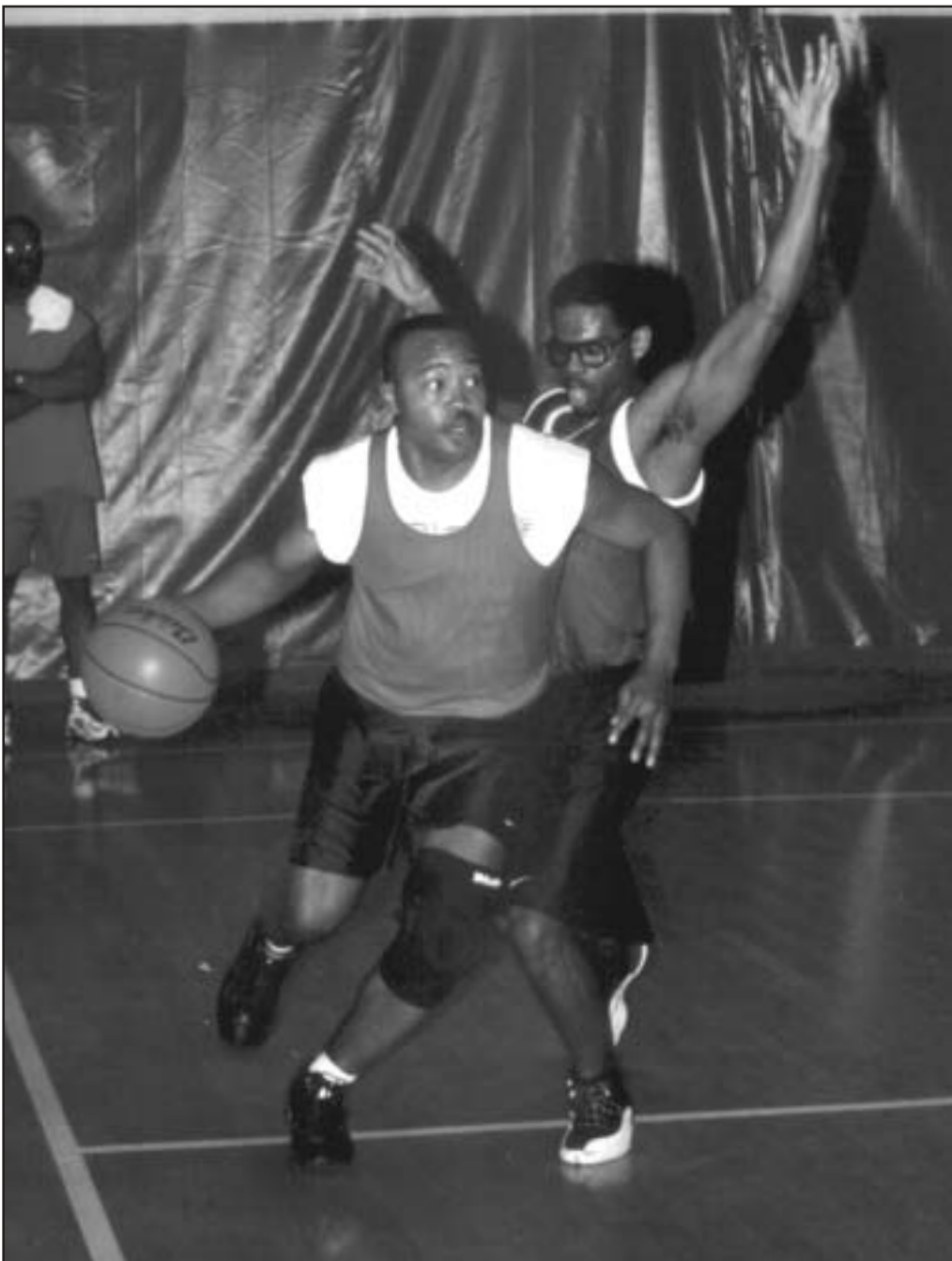
After a trade of baskets, a driving lay-up by Marcus Martin put AU ahead for good, 36-35.

AU began to seal the win with about 12 minutes remaining in the game. Leading 42-37, an AU player committed a hard foul on 908th’s Robert Green. Green was unable to continue, leaving the 908th without any substitutes for the remainder of the game.

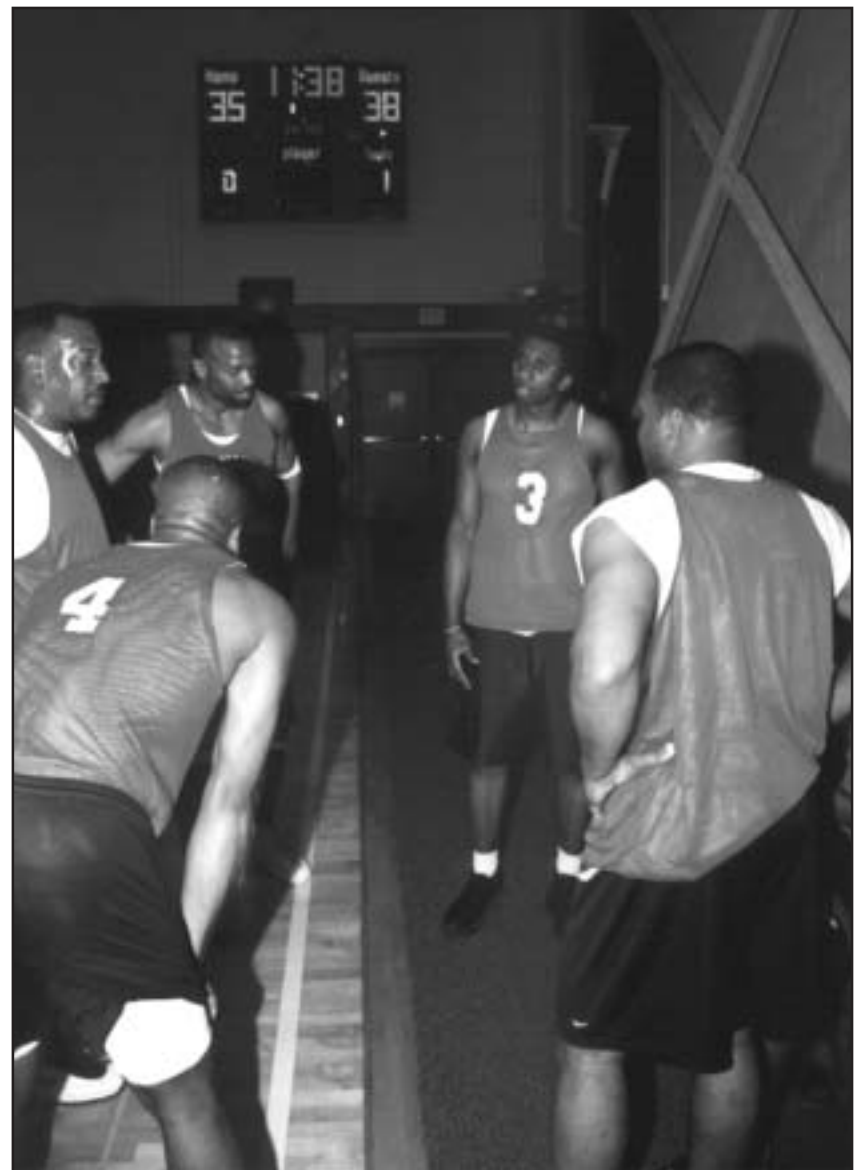
The 908th never recovered.

“We knew they were capable of making runs on us and we wanted to stop them from going inside,” AU Coach Jack Rainge said. “But we had depth with four players coming off the bench so we were able to keep pressure on them. Their lack of bench strength began to show in the second half and they ended the game with nothing left.”

Taylor and Fred Ford paved the way for AU with 23 and 17 points respectively. Thomas led the 908th with 12; Hall and Prentice Tucker added 11 each. *(Eric Beasley, sports stringer for the Maxwell-Gunter Dispatch contributed to this report.)*



Clarence Thomas tries to shake off an AU defender.



Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

From left, Anthony Green (4), Robert Green, Don Billups, Derric Hall (3), and Prentice Tucker discuss strategy during a time out.

April UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, April 5, 2002			
1630	1900	Commanders’ Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC

Saturday, April 6, 2002

0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers’ Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0900	Lab/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0800	0830	Newcomers’ Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0830	1200	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1030	Shots (IPPD/Flu only)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefing (30-minute Brief)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1200	Newcomers’ MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg. 848/2nd Flr Classroom
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 112, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Disaster Preparedness Reps Meeting	Bldg. 1055/CES Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course/Snack Bar
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
1300	1500	Joint Inspection (Cargo Prep)	Bldg. 846/APS Hangar
1330	1400	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, April 7, 2002

0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0730	0800	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0730	1130	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0800	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0800	1100	Pallet Buildup Training (ASTS Only)	Bldg. 1055/CES Classroom
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (all units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0900	1000	3A0X1 Training	Bldg. 848, 2nd Floor Classroom
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
0900	1030	Wing Flying Safety	Ops Briefing Room
1000	1100	Unit Safety Rep/ORM Advisors' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/HC
1130	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1230	1400	Predeployment Processing/Briefing	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section
1300	TBD	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's Office
1330	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1400	1500	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's Office
1600	TBD	Sign-Out	Orderly Rm

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		
Location/Ext.			
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100 Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522 Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations	(lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)		Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

Remaining FY 02 UTA Dates

May 4-5; June 8-9; July 13-14; Aug. 10-11; Sep. 7-8

April UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit’s authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Tech. Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the April UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people.

Promotions

... Master Sergeant
Roger L. Butler, OSF
Marla D. Gilson, AES
Sharon L. Jones, 357AS
Darrell J. Stephens, MXS
 ... Technical Sergeant
Willie L. Carter Jr., MSS
Samuel M. Ferrell, MSS
Lisa D. Norris, 25APS
Jamie K. Ray, 357AS
Teresa J. Snell, ASTS
 ... to Staff Sergeant
Karen M. Hutchison, AES
Tina R. Mathews, 908AW/CP
Jenifer McJenkins, 908AW/CP
 ... to Senior Airman
Michael J. Hermann, OSF
Devin Jackson, ASTS
Kelvin D. Gratton Jr., MSS
Devoc C. Walker, ASTS
Felicia M. Clarkreid, MXS
Clarence M. Arbour Jr., 25APS
 ... to Airman First Class
Casey T. Benton, MXS
Hillary J. Hook, LSS

Toccara V. Hunter, LSS
Markiba I. Smith, MXS
Daniel L. Seaver, CES
 ... to Airman
Andrea K. Krystofliak, 357AS

Spring CCAF graduates

Staff Sgt. Raul G. Bascope,
 357AS, Transportation
Tech. Sgt. Joseph. C.
Culpepper, Mechanical and
Electrical Technology
Master Sgt. David R. Fanning,
 25APS, Transportation
Staff Sgt. Nov Ing, 908AES,
 Allied Health Services
Tech. Sgt. Belinda Ray,
 908MSS, Education and Training
 Management
Master Sgt. Sonja Y. Wallace,
 908MSS, Informations Systems
 Technology
Tech. Sgt. Bryan J. Williams,
 908MXS, Aerospace Ground
 Equipment Technology

Top Crew Chief

Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Reaves, 908th Maintenance Squadron Sortie Generation Flight, shows off his Reserve Crew Chief of the Year Award. ART flightline personnel named him top crew chief from a pool of 30 other flightline reservists. His supervisor, Master Sgt. Barry Smith, praised Reaves' sharp appearance, dedication to duty and support of the unit in all contingencies and inspections. Reaves, Smith said "always keeps his training up to date, is a trainer for subordinate reservists and performs duties with little or no supervision."



Photo by Senior Airman Kimberly Holden

Plan to attend Col. Lynn's farewell

A dinner honoring 908AW Vice Commander Col. Brad Lynn is set for Saturday, April 6 at Hopper's Lodge. Social hour starts at 6 p.m; dinner (all-u-can eat catered by SmokeHouse Barbecue) begins at 7. Admission is \$10 per person and is pay at the door. Dress for the affair is casual attire. Organizers request those planning on attending RSVP to their First Sergeants or Lt. Col. Bill Forshey at 3-3353/5563 in order to get a projected head count but stress all are welcome whether they've RSVP'd or not.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Family Day next UTA

357AS's Capt. Jeff Harrold and family enjoy last year's Family Day. This year's event will be held Saturday, May 4. Make plans now to bring your family along to enjoy the day of fulfilled activities. Look for details in next month's Southern Flyer or check with your First Sergeant.

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